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KIT FOR AIDS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian scientists have indigenously developed a kit for detecting AIDS virus/HIV;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the Indian pharmaceutical companies and institutes which are going to manufacture this kit commercially;

(c) the price of the indigenous kit as well as the foreign kits available in the country; and

(d) the time by which the indigenous kit is likely to be made available in the market?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, kits for AIDS have been developed indigenously by the Indian scientists in rapid and ELISA formats which are currently being manufactured and made available commercially by various companies viz., M/s J. Mitra & Co.